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A CURIOUS PROCESS.

STRIPPING SALMON OF THEIR EGGS AT FISH HATCHERIES.

After the Operation the Big Fish Are Placed Back In the Water None the Worse For Their Experience Out of Their Natural Element.

There are two methods which are employed by fish culturists to propagate food and game fish. One is to catch the young fish, the fry, and transport them to other waters where it is desired to introduce them. The other is to strip the female fish of her eggs and to impregnate them artificially.

All the attempts that have been made to propagate black bass by stripping the female of their eggs have been failures so far, and the only method that can be applied to them is to catch the fry and nurse them till they are strong enough to be liberated. Other fish, notably the shad and the salmon, are readily stripped, and the results are wonderful, as the percentage of eggs that fail to hatch is exceedingly small.

Were either fry or eggs left to nature only an excessively small proportion would ever grow into adult fishhood. Apart from those which would die naturally a tremendous quantity would fall prey to the host of enemies—insects, crustacea, fish, birds and mammals—that is waiting for the spawn or the tiny fish.

Any one who has handled fish freshly caught knows how delicate they appear to be and how quickly they die after leaving the water. Yet the experts in the service of the various state and of the United States fish commissions handle millions of the most sensitive food and game fish every year, and few of them die from the process.

The process of handling a female salmon that is heavy with spawn which it is desired to take from her is a decidedly interesting and extremely simple one and may be explained so as to be readily understood. First the fish are led to swim into a confined space where they can be reached with the landing net. The manipulation of this dip net alone requires no mean skill. It must not bruise the floundering fish and must lift the creature in such a way that it does not scrape the scales from its sides as it struggles. Wherever a scale is torn from a fish, particularly in fresh water, fungus is almost certain to form, and that is generally fatal.

After the fish is in the net the latter is lifted carefully, and the operator's hand slides downward, gently but firmly, till it grasps the body immediately above the tail. Then he draws the fish from the net and holds it head downward. That serves to show at once whether the fish is "ripe"—that is, whether the eggs have reached that stage of development which permits of stripping. If the fish is perfectly ripe, the eggs sink toward the head.

If the fish is found satisfactory, the operator places a pan between his legs and holds the fish firmly in his arm. With the right hand he encircles the salmon just back of the gills and, squeezing the fish gently, slides the hand down toward the tail, when the eggs spout into the pan. They are hard then and rattle into the receptacle like peas. Later, after they have been in the hatching frames for a time, they get larger and softer, having absorbed much water.

After the eggs have been drawn from the female fish she is placed back into the water, none the worse for her trials. Then the milt from a ripe male fish is pressed into the pan in the same way, and the impregnated eggs are ready to be hatched.

Under favorable conditions 90 days is the period of incubation for the grand landlocked salmon, one of the finest game fishes in the world and hardly inferior to any as a good fish. The first sign of life in the eggs is the formation of a little clot, generally red or pink, which increases with remarkable rapidity, until in a few days the complete form of a little fish is plain to the eye.

But it is rather a hideous little monster that wriggles out of the egg finally. It resembles a fish only because it wriggles and moves like one. Otherwise it looks more like a fevered dream after too much broiled lobster or Welsh rabbit. It is a transparent body, with a globular swelling where its fine, fishlike lines ought to be, and its eyes are immense goggles. Then the fish wise men watch the things most carefully.

This is a critical period of the young things' growth, and a fall or a rise of a degree in the temperature of the water may mean death to millions of salmon. Generally men remain on guard night and day in the big hatcheries to watch their charges at this time. If they pull through, it is beautiful to see the successive changes as the tiny swimmers cast off their hideous appendages and turn into dainty, slender, silvery creatures that dart through the water like bubbles of air and form in thick swarms in the corners of the tanks, where they hang like bees.—New York Press.

Oyster Shells as Medicine.

Ground oyster shells were given by the mediæval doctors to children suffering from rickets and scrofula. Now it appears that they were right. The shells contain lime, nitrogen, iron, sulphur, manganese, magnesia, flour, bromide, phosphoric acid and iodine, all excellent for feeble children. They say that if growing children were to take powdered oyster shells in their food the teeth would be improved.

Never at Court.

"Countess Blumpff was never presented at court, was she?"

"Not her lawyer managed to secure the divorce from the worthless fellow without it."—Philadelphia North American.

Miners, it is said, marry at an earlier age than any other class of society. Following them, in due order, come artisans, laborers, clerks, shopkeepers and farmers.

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A MIGHTY HARD PROBLEM.

The One of Inventing a Bottle That Can't Be Refilled.

"I read a little interview not long ago," said a New Orleans grocer, "with a man who purported to give some particulars concerning the much talked of nonrefillable bottle problem. He said, among other things, that there was a standing reward of $10,000 for a practical solution, and I had to smile to note how a fable, once set adrift, is continually vitalized by repetition. I happen to know something about the bottle question, and I can state positively and authoritatively that there has never been a reward of $10,000 or any other amount for such a device.

"The impression probably originated with a circular that was prepared years ago by a convention of northern distillers. It was designed for the information of inventors and stated briefly and clearly just what was essential to a practical nonrefillable bottle—what the working part should be made of, what tests it should be able to sustain, what it should cost in quantity, and so on. I doubt whether there is now a copy of that circular in existence, but it unquestionably gave rise to the story that the whisky men of the country were hot after a bottle that couldn't be refilled and had offered an enormous reward for the same.

"The Lord only knows how many lives have been wrecked by that yarn. Next to perpetual motion it has been the great asylum feeder of the mechanical world. The problem looks easy enough on the surface and upward of 50 patents have been taken out on different devices, but none of them works under all conditions. The favorite scheme is a ball valve which would be closed automatically by pressure from above, but it is readily worked by a wire or an air pump.

"At first the liquor men and makers of proprietary remedies that were largely counterfeited encouraged investors in the line, but after repeated failures they finally came to the conclusion that the thing couldn't be done and have given it up altogether. Nevertheless the cranks still persevere, and every now and then one reads of a new bottle that works like a charm. But you never see them on the shelves, and I make bold to say you never will."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

THE EVILS OF FLIRTATION.

Those Who Engage In It Grow Incapable of Steadfast, Enduring Love.

"In flirtation there is the same dissipated element of excitement so beguiling in gambling—uncertainty—in fact, we might add to the dictionary definition a still later one, 'To flirt, gambling in hearts,'" writes Frances Evans, "About Men," in The Ladies' Home Journal.

"The flirt, like the gambler, feeds upon the intoxication of his passions. In a few years he becomes incapable of steadfast, enduring love, that feeling which in civilized man is separated from the love of the barbarian by the element of ideality, of spiritual sympathy as distinct from merely the attraction of brute nature. The open minded, open souled, manly man is apt to express himself in abrupt praise of what he likes, but the flirt knows better than to take the edge off of a compliment by giving it publicity. The flirt is invariably confidential in his manner. A flirt becomes unscrupulous in his relations with women, no matter how high a code of honor he may abide by in other matters. His conscience is calloused on one side beyond remedy. There is no germ which develops more rapidly than the flirtatious bacteria.

Given a young man or woman whose pride is wounded more deeply than his or her love by a member of the opposite sex, then, if there be a slight flirtatious tendency to begin with, it will be but overnight before the weed has grown to surprising proportions, choking out conscience and kindness while it supports and strengthens vanity, which stands close by wounded affections in the human heart."

Would Have Done the Same.

Rudyard Kipling undoubtedly got his wit from his maternal grandfather, the Rev. George B. Macdonald, a Wesleyan clergyman. It is related of this bright Macdonald that in the days when he was courting the lady whom he afterward married the father-in-law to be—an aged Methodist with extremely strict notions in regard to the proprieties—was injudicious enough on one occasion to enter the parlor without giving any warning of his approach. The consequence was that he found the sweethearts occupying a single chair.

Deeply shocked by this spectacle the old man solemnly said: "Mr. Macdonald, when I was courting Mrs. Brown she sat on one side of the room and I on the other."

Macdonald's reply was: "That's what I should have done if I had been courting Mrs. Brown"—Troy Press.

A Heroic Remedy.

Malta's way of treating rheumatism is a trifle heroic, but a generation brought up on mustard plasters and electricity ought not to object to it. The patient is stripped and bees are cordially invited to settle upon his body. It amuses the bees and cures the rheumatism, so it seems to be a philanthropic system all around. The poison in the bee stings is said to neutralize the acid in the blood which is responsible for the rheumatism.

Thomas Gray.

Gray kept the elegy by him for nine years before he gave it to the world. He polished away at it all those years as a lapidary polishes a gem, and the result was he made it a gem. In his whole life he wrote comparatively little, and when asked why he had written so little he replied: "Because of the exertion it costs in the labor of composition."

No Right To Ugliness

The woman who is lovely in face, form and temper will always have friends, but one who would be attractive must keep her health. If she is weak, sickly and all run down, she will be nervous and irritable.

If she has constipation or kidney trouble, her impure blood will cause pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. Electric Bitters is the best medicine in the world to regulate stomach, liver and kidneys and to purify the blood. It gives strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth, velvety skin, rich complexion. It will make a good-looking, charming woman of a run-down invalid. Only 50 cents at Vaughan's Pharmacy.

SHE WILL FIND OUT.

This Woman's Curiosity Is Only Temporarily Suppressed.

He had been out pretty late, and he knew it. Where he had been, who he had been with and what he and the other fellows had been doing are matters not germane to the story. Suffice to say that when he opened the door with his latchkey and made as quiet an entry as possible he felt in his guilty heart that the wife of his bosom would ask him a whole lot of things which he did not care to detail just at that time. He was not mistaken. As soon as his wife heard him enter the chamber she knew instinctively that he was trying to "hold out" on her and she asked:

"Where have you been?"

Now, it wasn't part of his plan to tell her where he had been. The idea was furthest from his mind, so he temporized.

"Now, see here," said the husband, "if you will let me go to sleep and don't ask me any questions now or at any other time about where I have been, I will give you $50 in cash for yourself."

This was a poser, and the dutiful wife naturally started to reach for the $50. But feminine curiosity was a little too strong, and she did not at once acquiesce. The next morning, when she arose, the first thing that caught her eye was her husband's coat, with one sleeve torn out by the roots and hanging by a thread.

"Why, Will, what is this?" she asked.

"That's a loose sleeve," said her husband.

"Well, how did it get loose?" she persisted.

"See here," he said suddenly, "do you want to lose that $50? If you do, just keep asking questions about that. If you want to get it, just let the matter drop."

Being a wise woman, she let it drop, but his friends are making bets that she will first secure the $50 and then find out some way how that sleeve got loose.—Kansas City World.

PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

The Fearful Cruelty That Makes This Dainty a Possibility.

To the ordinary man and woman no conception of the torture to which the poor, unfortunate goose is put could possibly be formed.

The geese when about 9 months old are taken from the pastures and placed in an underground cellar, where broad, slanting stone slabs stand in rows, and are bound fast to the tables. They are literally crucified.

Feet, wings and bodies are spread out and bound by bands, so that only the neck is left free. As may be imagined, the animal struggles with all its might against this stretching, till, after days of vain endeavor to free itself from the bands and its position, its powers of resistance are overcome, and a dull resignation, broken only by its low cries, takes possession of it. Two months must pass away before death brings relief.

The animals are meanwhile crammed with dumplings made of dough of buckwheat, chestnuts and stewed maize. Every two hours, six times a day, they receive from three to five dumpling pills, which in time become so sweet to the tortured creatures that they stretch their necks to be crammed.

The most difficult task is to determine the right moment for death. Those who die of their own accord are lost to the liver factory, therefore a kind of study is needed to see when the cup of agony is brimming full and the liver is ripe for taking. The bodies of such ripe ones are like pumpkins—where ordinarily fingers are buried in flesh and fat nothing but skin and bone are found. The livers have absorbed all the strength and juices.

A Painful Mistake.

A conductor got up early the other morning and got his own breakfast. He is not used to this, as his wife, who was sick on this occasion, is used to getting breakfast ready. He is fond of strong coffee for his early meal, and, filling the pot with water, heaped in four tablespoonfuls of what he took to be coffee.

After all was done, the coffeepot steaming and hash well browned, he sat by his own self to break his fast. The coffee did not seem very hot, so he drank off half the cup in three or four swallows. Then the roof started. He yelled like a maniac. His trembling little wife ran out to see her husband dancing about on one foot and screeching like a maniac.

He ran to the water pipe and drank off two quarts of cold water and then quieted down enough to ask: "What in thunder's the matter with the coffee?" She smelled of it and said: "Why, dear, you mistook the ground cloves for the coffee, that's all."—Lewiston Journal.

The Flag on the Wall.

The Troy Times tells of a visitor at a public school, who, being requested to address the pupils, spoke of the necessity of obeying their teacher and growing up to be useful, loyal and patriotic citizens.

To emphasize his remarks, he pointed to a large national flag that almost covered one end of the room, and said, "Now, boys, who can tell me what that flag is there for?"

One little fellow, who understood the condition of the room better than the speaker, replied:

"I know, sir. It's to hide the dirt."

Safe.

"Johnny, are your people going to take you with them on that trip across the ocean?"

"Yes'm."

"Aren't you afraid?"

"Nome. Ain't afraid of nothin. I've been vaccinated an baptized."—Chicago Tribune.

Reflections of an Old Maid

Anything worth doing in this world is hard to do.

Hope paints beautiful pictures and Actuality puts a knife through the canvas.

In some cases even matrimony is not an absolute cure for old maidishness.

There is nothing so irritating as the constitutional patience of intolerably good natured people.

The energy which some expend to make the burden of idleness bearable would accomplish a good deal for work.

He who says he longs for death has need of a larger intellectual, emotional or physical vitality. In a word, he really longs for life.

HE STAKED HIS LIFE.

"WILDCAT" SMITH'S THRILLING GAME OF SEVEN UP.

The Doughty Pioneer Beat His Comanche Captor, Big Laugh, at the Game and Then Risked His Life Again to Save a White Girl Captive.

Old "Wildcat" Smith is just about the last living one of that famous band of pioneers who drove the Indians to the mountains, killed the panthers and bears, and blazed the tracks through the trackless wilderness. He does not look like a lawyer, but he has, nevertheless, sat upon a camp stool and decided cases of the greatest importance. He does not bear any very marked resemblance to a general, but he has commanded a considerable force in battle, and, while military critics might have complained that he was deficient in strategic ability none ever charged him with lack of valor. Few people would discover in his face or manner any of those traits that distinguish a duelist, but he has demonstrated that he possesses them all in an eminent degree by ordering "pistols and coffee for two" more than once. Upon one occasion he had the audacity to invite General Houston, who was at that period president of the republic, to "come out and exchange shots" with him. He says that the old warrior "floored" him by coolly making a note on a slip of paper and putting it in his desk. In answer to the enraged challenger's inquiry the general simply said: "Mr. Smith, you are the fortieth. When I have killed these other 39 scoundrels who have challenged me, I will accommodate you. Be patient, sir."

Smith came to Texas in 1836 and served in the Texas army through all the long wars with Mexico. He was also a soldier in the great civil war, and when that ended he enlisted to fight Indians and remained on the border until there were no more Comanches to shoot. He has been a man of war from his youth up, and in his old age he carries a soldier's musket with a fixed bayonet, and continues to make war on all kinds of game and "varmints." He wanted to go to Cuba, and when the boys insisted that he was too old and feeble he threw off his coat and challenged the whole company to fight him.

Upon one occasion Smith was captured by a roving band of Comanches, many of whom were well known to him. They frankly told him that they intended to make him run the gantlet and burn him at the stake when they reached their village on Devil river. The captive had a flask of whisky, which the chief took away from him. After taking several drinks the old warrior asked Smith if he could play seven up. Smith proudly boasted that he could beat any man living playing that particular game. This answer appeared to put the Indian on his mettle, and he at once proposed that they should halt by the side of the warpath and play for the highest stakes that mortal man ever waged on a game of chance—life.

Smith eagerly agreed to the proposal, and they sat down under a tree and dealt the cards on a blanket. The other warriors dismounted and anxiously watched the game. The chief's name was Big Laugh, so called on account of a natural grin that marked his features. After a short time they stood 6 to 6, and it was Smith's deal. He ran the cards off and turned a jack from the bottom. Smith had won his liberty, and Big Laugh told him he might go, but the Texan had something else in view. He might easily have walked away, but he determined upon another act which marks him as a generous soul possessed of the highest courage. There was a young white girl tied on one of the ponies, who was weeping in the most piteous agony.

Smith coolly proposed to play another game, staking his life against the liberty of this young girl. Big Laugh was evidently pleased with the white man's courage, and after taking another drink he began to shuffle the cards. The young girl was cut loose from the pony and made to stand on the blanket, while the things for binding Smith, in case he lost, were thrown at her feet. Again they played a close game, and at the end of a short time stood 6 and 6, but it was Big Laugh's deal. With what awful interest that poor girl must have watched the turning of that trump! The Indian slowly dealt the cards, and, peeping at the trump, a hideous grin spread all over his face.

"I was sure that all was lost and was just in the act of springing at his throat," says Smith, "when he turned the queen of hearts for a trump. He could not give her, of course, and I held both the ace and deuce of hearts."

Big Laugh was by this time hilariously drunk and in a most excellent good humor. He not only kept his word and gave Smith and the young girl their liberty, but he furnished them two ponies and allowed Smith to take his gun. The liberated captives reached the settlement in safety, where Smith's strange story would never have been credited had not the young girl borne witness that it was true. She is still living on a fine plantation on the Brazos and is the widow of no less a personage than Colonel Sam Jones, who was killed at the battle of Shiloh.

"Wildcat" Smith lives in a little cabin in the woods and devotes his whole time to hunting bear and deer and sometimes smaller game.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Supreme Test.

"You are all right," said the doctor after he had gone through with the regulation thumping and listening with his patient. "Not a trace of heart disease. Fifteen dollars, please!"

The patient drew a long breath and remarked: "I am sure now I have no heart disease. If I had, I should have dropped dead when you mentioned your fee."—Boston Commercial Bulletin.

His Life Was Saved

Mr. J. E. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with Typhoid Fever, that ran into Pneumonia. My Lungs became hardened. I was so weak I couldn't even sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I expected to soon die of Consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great relief. I continued to use it, and now am well and strong. I can't say too much in its praise." This marvellous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all Throat and Lung Trouble. Regular sizes 50 cents and $1.00. Trial bottles free at Vaughan's Pharmacy; every bottle guaranteed.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Topic For the Week Beginning May 7—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

TOPIC.—Patient continuance in well doing.—Rom. ii, 1-11.

In this passage Paul points out to the Jews the fact that they need not hope to escape God's judgment simply because they are Jews. In judgment he declares that God is no respecter of persons, but "renders to every man according to his deeds; to them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; but unto them that are contentious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil of the Jew first and also of the gentile."

There are many discouragements to patient continuance in well doing. Difficulties are constantly putting themselves in our way. In the first enthusiasm of our faith it is easy to meet and overcome them, but as our religion becomes more of an accustomed thing with us it is not so easy to do so. Those for whom we labor are often ungrateful, and forgetting for a time that we are laboring primarily for Him who died for us we become faint hearted and wearied. Results are often not as apparent as we think they should be. The master builder is encouraged by seeing his building constantly growing, the artist joys to see his picture developing before him, but he who labors in spiritual spheres very often has not the encouragement of apparent results, and this is discouraging. These and other things are thorns in the flesh of continuance in well doing, and specially so in patient continuance.

But there are also encouragements to even patient continuance in well doing. The greatest of these is the assurance of the reward for our patient continuance. Eternal life Paul here declares to be the reward, and since it is a gift of God it is positively assured to us. "In due season we shall reap if we faint not." Due season is God's season, and we may safely leave the time with God, knowing for a certainty that in His time and in His way the reward is sure to come.

This fact should be a great inspiration to patient continuance in well doing. All depends upon it. The race is never won until the goal is reached. To begin well, to run well for a time and then to drop out means to fail. "Faithful to death" should be our watchword, for it is unto those who are faithful unto death that a crown of life is promised. That crown is also at death. Here the cross, yonder the crown; here the church militant, yonder the church triumphant. "Be thou faithful unto death."

Bible Readings.—Eccl. ix, 10; Isa. xl, 28-31; Math. xxv, 31-46; John ix, 4; xv, 16; Rom. v, 1-5; xii, 11; I Cor. x, 31; xv, 58; Gal. iii, 1-10; Col. iii, 17; II Thess. iii, 13; Heb. vi, 10-15; Rev. ii, 10.

Salvation Only Through Christ.

Is faith in this truth outgrown? Some say so. But the proofs point to the contrary. When forced to a frank declaration, those who pin their faith on worthy attainments in character and service, such as they claim we can make for ourselves, have to acknowledge that the best men have their faults. No one can be trusted absolutely and always, for he sometimes lacks wisdom, if never virtue. We do not and cannot often attain to any exalted standard of excellence and never reach perfection.

If, then, the best men cannot save others or even themselves, who can? Nobody excepting Jesus Christ, and He can and does. He claimed this when He was on earth, and He began to make good the claim then and has been proving it ever since. It is as truly a matter of fact, of ordinary human experience, that there is salvation in Jesus Christ, and that nobody knows of any other opportunity of being saved than through Him, as the fact of birth or growth or death. It has been regarded and discussed altogether too much as a matter of philosophy and theology. It is much more a matter of solid, practical, everyday fact.—Congregationalist.

Resist the Devil.

The great enemy of God and man is of course the sworn foe of every good work. Among the causes which he heartily hates and persistently opposes is that which carries the glad tidings of salvation to the heathen and seeks to lift up to life and hope the benighted of the earth. Missions to the heathen are so entirely unselfish, in such perfect accord with the purposes of heaven and likely to be so influential in extending the reign of the Lord that it is not wonderful the great conspirator plots and schemes and strives in every conceivable way to discredit and defeat all such enterprises.—Lutheran Observer.

The Difference.

Many appear outwardly righteous before men. They are honest, upright, influential, respected, cultured and many of them wealthy, but when externals are removed and the secrets of the heart are known it shall be found that interiorly one belongs in the heavens, the other in the infernals. "One shall be taken, and the other left."—Rev. E. D. Daniels in Helper.

The Windows of the Soul.

They have very little in this world, but a great deal in the next. They take short views of this life, but long views of the life to come. They have the knack of setting open the windows of their souls for the Sun of Righteousness to stream in.—Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D.

Gestures Versus Thoughts.

The orator who makes gestures so waving and graceful that attention is called to them will often excite admiration. But, commonly, there will be a corresponding decrease in the hearers' estimate of the orator as a thinker and a truth teller.—Christian Register.

IRISH WIT.—On the occasion of a public reception at Napier, Australia, the school children of the town, after being duly complimented by his excellency from County Tyrone on the hearty manner in which they had rendered the national anthem, were solemnly assured that if they put their shoulders to the wheel they would be sure to reach the top of the tree! This mixed metaphor being commented upon, a compatriot of his excellency retorted: "Sure, it was an axletree he meant, bedad."

Dollie—Was it a quiet spot where you kissed Mollie?

Chollie—No, it was on the mouth.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Topic For the Week Beginning May 7, "Patient Continuance In Well Doing"—Text, Rom. ii, 1-11.

"Ye have need of patience, that after ye have done the will of God ye might receive the promise."

Paul had never yet been in Rome, but had long planned a visit to the great city. A small community of Christians was already to be found there. Most of them were probably Jews, though some few may have been converted heathen connected with Jewish families by ties of marriage or service. It is possible that some Britons may have been among the number. Many of these Christians were known to the apostle personally or by reputation. In his letter to the Roman Christians he clearly contrasts the gospel of Christ with the abominable practices and beliefs of idolatry. Rome was an immense city of violent contrasts. A few nobles possessed great wealth and lived in extreme luxury, while the mass of the people were slaves or in deep poverty. Licentiousness abounded in all grades of society, and the worship of the gods, whose temples were numerous and costly, exercised no restraint on vice, but rather seemed to give it encouragement. Paul declares that God's nature and will can be surely known by His works and that His wrath against all wrong is clearly shown. The existing condition of vileness among men was due to the disregard of God's will and dislike for His service. The result was a fearful condition of society, almost too black to be credited by later ages.

That He did not overstate the immorality of the times is certain from the writings of the Roman authors of this period.

The remedy for this condition of affairs is found in the salvation offered by the Christ. Repentance and complete turning from evil, with acceptance of service for Christ, would bring consciousness of pardon for guilt, cleansing from the love of the evil formerly practiced and power to lead a pure life.

The change was to be in feelings and thought and in actions. The old habits would not be broken without earnest effort. The corrupt surroundings would ever be tempting to a return to the former practices and associations. Patience—patient continuance in well doing—was absolutely necessary if one was to obtain the promised glory and eternal, blessed life.

One must keep the inner spirit from irritable passion and impatience, and must do the good deeds, must practice over and over again acts of kindness, self restraint and self denial, till the habits of life become fixed in the mold of righteousness and shaped after the pattern of godliness.

Hu King Eng.

Chinese character is proverbial for its quality of patient application and uncomplaining endurance. A good example of it is found in Miss Hu of Fuchau. Trained in the mission school of our church in that city, she, while quite young, decided to devote her life to helping her countrywomen as a physician. It became necessary for her to leave home and native land, cross the ocean and spend several years among a people of strange language in a foreign country to fit herself for the work. She studied at the university in Delaware, O., and after a thorough course in medicine has returned to her native city of Fuchau, China. Here she has charge of the hospital of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society and in medical practice and teaching others of her people the healing art is efficiently helping the cause of the Great Healer, who in His earthly life found a way to reach many souls by curing their bodies.

HU KING ENG.

Jesus saw the sin of the world clearer than we can. He saw the great work He must accomplish in His three years of ministry. Yet He never hurried nor worried. He had time to love His friends, to mingle in their feasts and sit in quietness in their homes, to be alone on the mountains and by the sea and listen to God everywhere. Do what you can, don't fret and leave the rest to God.

Tithers are increasing in number. In all the young people's societies there is a growing tendency to encourage the setting apart of a tenth of one's income for the Lord's particular service. It is an encouraging sign of consecration and liberality.

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A Test of Marksmanship

Congress passed its resolution creating a corps of these sharpshooters on the 14th of June, 1775. Couriers on relays of swift horses carried the news to the various county committees on the frontier, who were empowered to commission officers for the purpose. The committees acted at once. The officers despatched their scouts to summon the men. On the 18th of July the first company of riflemen, Nagel's Berks County "Dutchmen," arrived at Cambridge, and within less than sixty days from the date of the resolution of Congress 1430 buckwoodsmen, instead of the 810 required, had been raised, equipped by themselves, and had joined the army before Boston, after marching from four to seven hundred miles over difficult roads—all without a farthing being advanced by the Continental treasury.

Volunteers had poured into the little recruiting stations in such numbers as to embarrass the officers, who fain would have been spared the duty of discriminating. One of these officers, beset by a much greater number of applicants than his instructions permitted him to enroll, and being unwilling to offend any, hit upon a clever expedient. Taking a piece of chalk, he drew upon a blackened board the figure of a man's nose, and placing this at such a distance that none but experts could hope to hit with a bullet, he declared that he would enlist only those who shot nearest to the mark. Sixty-odd hit the nose.

"I don't think," growled General Weyler, "that my ability as a prophet is recognized as it should be."

"What's the matter, General?"

"Well, didn't I predict that Cuba would eventually be pacified?"

Miss Chief—My! but you're quiet, Mr. Mush! I don't suppose you have ever been in ladies' company very much?

Mr. Mush—Just the opposite. I was raised by my grandmother and two aunts.

Kitty—O, pa! how much beer would it take to dye all my dollies' frocks red?

Pa—Beer? Why, you can't dye things with beer, child!

Kitty—O, but I'm sure I heard ma say it was beer that made your nose so red, pa!

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POLITICAL CASES IN COURT

A jury of nine Democrats and three Union Republicans rendered a verdict of not guilty in the Kent county Court on Tuesday in the case of Representative Mark L. Davis charged with having offered a bribe toRepresentative Francis H. Lattomus to vote for J. Edward Addicks for Senator. The case was one accusation, compelled by the State authorities and made reluctantly on the one side, and denial on the other. There was no circumstantical evidence. The verdict was evidently one where the accused should receive the benefit of any doubt, since both men have had the good opinion of their friends and neighbors heretofore. They will retain that good opinion still. Mr. Davis, his friends, the General Assembly and the State are to be congratulated upon the verdict. While the verdict of a jury is not always right or just, (no reference to this case) yet it must influence the life of the person interested and all who are not convinced that justice has miscarried are always glad of an acquittal. In the case in question Mr. Lattomus made the mistake of not reporting at the time to the House of Representatives, his understanding of the charges subsequently made by authority of the State. It would have been better.

This seems to be an end of the bribery charges in the Senatorial contest. We had hoped there would have developed in the Sussex county Court the full effect to elect Mr. Addicks senator, and every other candidate for that matter. It was intimated, however, about the time of the Georgetown Anti-Farlow-King convention that too many, or too powerful, politicians were interested to let the truth be uncovered. The opinions of the public have been fixed and we believe the lessons will be in the interest of purer politics. Only partisan selfishness can neutralize the political lessons to the people.

On Thursday the cases of Dr. Thomas C. Moore, a Union Republican leader of Smyrna, Frank Reiman, postmaster at Little Hamlet, near Smyrna, and E. H. Robbins, a farmer, all white, and Peter Downs and John Caldwell, both colored, of near Smyrna, charged with violating the Registration law, were continued until the next term of Court. The ground for the continuance was the absence of a material witness.

Without discussing the cases before the Court we may refer very appropriately we think to the mistakes made by the Constitutional Convention in respect to registration. The object for registration is not, or should not be, to raise revenue. The main objects are, or should be, to grant to every citizen with the right of franchise an opportunity to establish that right, and to prevent all persons from voting not entitled to qualify under the law. That thousands of voters consider the dollar registration fee a tax was abundantly proven last fall. Moreover we do not think the Constitution should put an impediment in the way of the poor man in casting his ballot, nor can we see the necessity for questioning a citizen as to the source from whence comes the fee of a dollar. We believe the Constitution should be changed in this respect, but the law should be enforced while it is in operation.

INDICTMENTS QUASHED

Unfortunately the two indictments in the "snake" gambling bill against Emmet D. C. Hegeman did not hold good in the opinion of the Court and on Thursday Hegeman was dismissed.

Judges Spruance and Boyce held that the endorsement of the name of the clerk on a bill, was no part of the bill, Chief Justice Lore dissenting. The second count fell because of failure to declare intent to defraud, which the State could not prove. The public was not so anxious to catch Hegeman in the toils, though the evidence is plain as to his part in the matter, as to trap the older and more experienced offenders against the good government of the State.

It appears that Attorney-General White and Deputy Attorney-General Cooper and their best with defective laws. The statute in relation to forgery is old but the one against tampering with bills is of recent date. It grew out of the action of a man who borrowed a Senate bill from the enrolling clerk of the Senate, blotting out a word, and returning it and the enrolled copy in that imperfect condition. The object of this alternation was to limit the sphere of operations of a certain notary public who was appointed under the act. This was followed by the same person borrowing from Representative Ridgely a bill affecting the Board of Health of the city of Wilmington. He placed the bill on a typewriter, inserted a rider and then returned the bill to Mr. Ridgely. Both of these impositions were discovered and rectified, and their discovery and the proceedings which followed created quite a sensation.

THE Smyrna "Call" is occasionally very partisan but often quite liberal politically and always readable. In its last issue, referring to Delaware politics and especially to the Kent county part of that politics, in summing up it says:

"The burning issue in Delaware today is better politics and better citizenship. The slogan must and will be, down with all rascals, up with the right, and let as much of your politics go as you cannot fight with."

This is an excellent platform for every voter in Delaware. It is a grand platform for every editor, reporter and newspaper correspondent. The arguments and the votes must be true to the platform, however, to produce results. One election in the State held under such conditions would remove forever the causes for such comments as the following from the 'Call":

"Poor Delaware! Ah, poor Kent! Preachers, editors, doctors, legislators, men in jail or on bail! The home of Eli Saulsbury and Natty Smithers gone to wreck in the storm! The hope and ambition, apparently, of every man now is that he may keep out of jail or be able to give bail! The Sheriff's private rooms filled with select prisoners and private servants! Oh, if there is any chivalry among us now, if our young men of one-and-twenty can feel the blood of a better age and a better race they will gird themselves for a fight now. The shades of our dead point their hollow hands on to avengement."

IT was said a few weeks since that $10,000 was added to the treasury of this State within the week from fees from incorporation of trusts—the same wicked TRUSTS against which the Democratic Party of the Nation and the State expects to hurl the heaviest planks of its platform during the next campaign. These TRUSTS by the aid of the laws of Delaware are created by Democratic officials who are not responsible for the laws, not so far as the public knows only an ex-Governor and others high in the party. Councils have organized to aid in the granting of charters, etc. Who is responsible for this law? Is it a bad law and should not the matter of authorship be settled now since a year later the question may prove an awkward one? Or is it a good law bringing much needed revenue to the State and is the cry against trusts only a sham after all? Which?

MY MARYLAND.

Governor Lowndes has extended the fishing term in Maryland waters from April 15th to June 1st.

The William L. McKee farm of 75 acres, near Elkton, was sold at auction on Tuesday to J. H. Sherett for $800.

Rev. Ephraim Phillips, of Philadelphia, has been elected pastor of Christ Reform Episcopal Church in Cumberland for one year.

Montgomery Stuart, a prominent contractor and builder, of Chestertown, died suddenly with heart disease on Sunday night last. He was about 60 years of age and leaves a wife and two daughters.

Dr. W. K. Carroll, of Centreville, met with a serious accident on Tuesday evening. While attempting to fire a small cannon on his yacht the powder exploded and blew particles in his face and eyes. He may lose the sight of both eyes.—Queenstown News.

Edward Pinder, colored, was instantly killed, William Hutchins probably fatally injured and Harrison Thomas badly scalded by the explosion of a boiler in the saw mill of J. Frank Coppage, near Hayden's Station on Wednesday last. Scarcity of water in the boiler is thought to have been the cause of the explosion.

BALTIMORE MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The first municipal election in Baltimore under the new charter was held on Tuesday. The ticket nominated by the democratic party and supported by independent democrats and independent republicans was elected. The total vote was 107,862, out of a registration of 121,339.

The vote on the general ticket was as follows:

For Mayor—Thomas G. Hayes, democrat, 57,660; William T. Malster, republican, 48,948.

President Second Branch—Skipwith Wilmer, democrat, 56,863; John F. Langhammer, republican, 49,421.

Comptroller—James H. Smith, democrat, 57,264; Fuller Waters, republican, 49,130.

The democrats also elected all the members of the Second Branch and eighteen out of twenty-four members of the First Branch City Council. The new Council will meet Thursday, May 18th, and begin its work.

The election was a surprise in many respects. There was no landslide, as some democrats predicted, but there was an unusually heavy vote in all the wards and democratic gains everywhere. The majorities in wards considered republican strongholds were cut down, and wards claimed by republicans were swept against them.

The fight in the fourteenth ward was bitter, and it was thought that Hiram Watty, the colored man nominated for council, would be cut to a large extent. Watty ran 397 votes behind Mayor Malster in the ward, but he was elected.

The vote was very heavy when compared with previous votes in the city. In 1893 Latrobe, democrat, got 38,423; Malster, republican, 31,627. In 1895 Hooper, republican, got 53,183; Williams, democrat, 45,176. In the same election Governor Lowndes got 54,920 votes and John E. Hurst, democrat, 43,320. In 1897 Mayor Malster got 54,624; Henry Williams, democrat, 47,765; Kleinic, prohibitionist, 1,362. In the congressional election last fall the democratic ticket polled 45,269 votes in the city to 44,865 for the republican ticket. The total vote then cast at the election was 92,865.

The total registered vote of the city for the election on Tuesday was 121,339, of which 101,748 were white and 19,591 colored. Of these there were polled 107,862, of which Mr. Hayes got 57,660; Mayor Malster, 48,948; Mr. Horner, prohibitionist, 1,254. In the election of 1897, when Mayor Malster was elected, there were polled 103,691 votes. Of these Mayor Malster got 54,624. With the larger registration and heavier vote of Tuesday Mayor Malster polled 5,676 votes less than in 1897. Mr. Hayes polled 9,955 more votes than were cast for the democratic ticket in 1897.

Of nearly 5,000 city employes of all kinds, probably half have in the past been appointed directly or indirectly by the Mayor. The next Mayor will appoint only 114 officials.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Special Correspondent.

Aguinaldo's supplication for peace came so close upon the declaration of President McKinley that the revolt should be put down no matter how much money it cost nor how many men it might require to convince even the most doubting that the Filipinos had been kept informed of everything done in this country, and have acted upon the information. Had they not received encouragement from this country, which caused them to believe that there was a possibility of our withdrawing from the islands, if they fought stubbornly enough, there would never have been any revolt. The action of General Otis in telling the representatives of Aguinaldo that the only conditions under which he would stop fighting were to grant a general amnesty for an unconditional surrender, is so fully indorsed by the administration that no orders have been sent to him. It is felt that he has correctly sized up the situation and can be left to deal with the Filipinos without further instructions. Besides, the other American Commissioners, who are fully acquainted with President McKinley's wishes are with him to aid in settling any questions that may arise. It it confidently expected that the Filipinos will, as soon as they understand that no better terms can be obtained, accept those offered by General Otis; they are already fully convinced that nothing but defeat for them lies in fighting our soldiers. And notwithstanding their outside assistance, they are short of nearly all kinds of supplies.

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Spain has authorized the French Ambassador to receive and receipt for the $20,000,000 due from this government on account of the treaty of peace, and the French Ambassador has officially notified the Department of State and received four drafts on New York for $5,000,000 each as payment in full.

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The 161st Indiana Volunteers, which has just been mustered out of service, passed through Washington Monday on the way home. A committee of the Indiana Republican Club met the regiment with a band, having previously arranged that the men should be allowed to stop over a day and enjoy the sight-seeing program made for them. The men thoroughly enjoyed themselves and saw as much of the National Capital as it would be possible to see in a single day.

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As Missouri only has three Republican representatives, the State will not have as much influence in the speakership contest as smaller states with more votes will have. Representative Joy, one of those three, said of the speakership campaign. "The West could elect a speaker if all the Western men stood solidly together, but there has been no attempt to secure concerted action up to this time. All the candidates mentioned are excellent men, and whoever is elected will do credit to the Republican party."

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Secretary Gage has been offered a salary in the neighborhood of the one that tempted Speaker Reed out of public life, to become president of one of New York's big banks, but it is not likely that he will accept. He made a heavy financial sacrifice when he became Secretary of the Treasury, and will probably continue in that office until March 4th, 1901, if no longer. There is little doubt that if he desires to remain in that position, during President McKinley's second term that the President will be pleased to have him do so. There is no man in the country better fitted by knowledge and experience to fill the arduous duties of Secretary of the Treasury than Mr. Gage. Never have the affairs of that great department of the government moved smoother than since he has been at its head, and never has the credit of the nation been higher. This is high praise, but it is deserved.

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The friendly personal cable messages that have passed between the Emperor of Germany and President McKinley since the latter approved the application for the landing of the new German cable in the United States, have not pleased those who have been for months exaggerating every little occurrence, and manufacturing some, for the purpose of creating ill-will between the people of the two countries, but they have served to show the world, as well as the people of the two countries, that the rulers of Germany and of the United States have no idea of allowing the friendly relations of the two nations to be disturbed by sensation mongers.

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Representative William Alden Smith, who is chairman of the Michigan delegation in the House, is in Washington. He said: "I have no information on the speakership contest, but I will call a meeting of the delegation before Congress assembles, so that, if possible, our delegation will be able to act as a unit in favor of some one. We have twelve votes. I have no candidate." The friends of several of the candidates are in Washington, actively at work for their favorites, but none of them are yet making any positive claims; of course all of them express confidence in the success of their men, but they are not allowing that confidence to prevent their doing some lively hustling for votes. They all recognize that it is as yet, anybody's fight.

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President McKinley has the report of the Military Court of Inquiry, and will probably make it public this week.

A Good Decision

"I was troubled with a dry hacking cough and was very weak. As I read of the cures made by Hood's Sarsaparilla I decided to give it a trial. When I had taken one bottle I began to feel stronger and my cough was better. I took three bottles and was cured." GEORGE W. BENNUM, Coolspring, Delaware.

Hood's Pills cure all liver ills. Mailed for 25c. by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

CURRENT EVENTS.

The decision of the Supreme Court of New York in the case of Generald Barry, an artist, who sued William J. Rainey, of Ohio, for pay for a portrait painted to order, is regarded as a precedent. The portrait was refused because Mr. Rainey found that both eyes did not look in quite the same direction. Mr. Barry alleged in bringing suit that he had closly followed nature in this respect, and in a lower court won his case, but the Supreme Court reversed the finding on the ground that any purchaser has a right to have his art work the way he orders it.

A suit for damages has been instituted by one Washington dry goods firm against another, the complaint being that the defendant firm "maliciously, unlawfully and unjustly" conspired to persuade one of plaintiff's employes to leave his employ and enter that of the defendant, by reason of which the plaintiff was compelled to increase the clerk's salary in order to retain his services. The purpose of the suit is to determine whether an employer has the legal right to induce employes of other concerns to leave the service of the latter by offers of increased salaries.

The Supreme Court of the United States is now hearing what is taken to be a case that will test the force and validity of what is known as the Sherman anti-trust act. The defendant is what is known as the Cast Iron Pipe Trust and the argument presented tends to show that the law has been violated. This suit is intended as a test case and upon the decision of the court much will depend. This trust consists of five companies and the charges made are that it restrains trade in the various states, there being no inter state commerce features involved. In view of the increased number of trusts, this decision will be awaited with much interest. If shown ineffectual and of no use so far as restraining corporations, then we may expect to hear of others forming, notwithstanding the opposition along certain lines. It remains to be seen to what extent the trust laws have power to control the growth of trusts, and the court's ruling on this subject will be awaited by the public.

Last Personally-Conducted tour to Washington via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The last of the present series of Pennsylvania Railroad three-day personally-conducted tours to Washington, D. C., will be run on May 11. The rate, $14.50 from New York, $11.50 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other points, includes transportation, hotel accommodations, and Capitol guide fees. An experienced Chaperon will also accompany the party.

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DELAWARE CITY.

Mrs. Marion McConnaughey is visiting her daughter in Philadelphia.

Rev. and Mrs. Arthur F. Lewis have returned from Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Mrs. Arabelle French, of West Philadelphia, visited her cousin, Mrs. James B. Clark, and other friends in town this week. Mrs. French spent a large portion of her childhood here.

The "Manse" is being repainted.

Miss Mary Messig is having alterations made in the house adjoining the store for a dwelling house.

Mrs. James B. Clark has been having alterations and improvements made at her home. Mrs. Clark spent a few days in Philadelphia this week.

George C. Bennett, of Harrisburg, Pa., spent Tuesday with relatives in town. Mr. Bennett was injured recently on his engine and has not yet recovered.

Sorrow entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Warren on Monday evening when their little son, Jay, aged 4 years, was drowned in the canal. Funeral services were held at the house Wednesday afternoon, Rev. H. S. Thompson officiating. Interment at Delaware City cemetery. Beautiful floral emblems were brought by friends and relatives from Wilmington.

The Literary Society was entertained Thursday evening by Mrs. George N. Bright.

William C. Bigger is said to have fallen heir to $5,000 from the estate of his aunt, the late Mrs. C. Clayton, of Salem, N. J.

Dr. William B. Harlow, formerly of Delaware City, now residing in Kibbe, Conn., was married in April to Miss Ida Morchonse, of Syracuse, N. Y.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Coleman will lecture on Tuesday evening, May 16th, in Central Hall, on "Rambles at Home and Abroad." The lecture will be under the auspices of the "Rectory Improvement Society" of Christ Church and the proceeds will go to make up a deficiency in their funds caused by extensive repairs and improvements. Those who have heard the Bishop speak of his pedestrian tours both at home and in Europe assure us it is an intensely interesting subject and that a treat is promised. The ladies will serve light refreshments after the lecture.

Miss Mabel Hall and Mr. Larkins were married at the Protectory Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Lizzie Crowding and Mr. Frank Scott were married last week at the M. E. parsonage.

Mrs. Vinton Asher, of Wilmington, has been visiting in town.

Miss Alice Vail has returned from Atlantic City.

Misses Keane and Watson were in Philadelphia this week.

Miss Alice Foard spent Monday in Wilmington.

Rev. A. F. Lewis spent Tuesday in Wilmington.

Mr. George Connelly, of Middletown, was in town this week.

Miss Rebecca Clark spent Monday in the Quaker City.

The Rectory Improvement Society met in the parish house Monday evening. The Bible Class meets in the parish house on Friday evening.

Miss May Thompson is spending the week with her parents.

Michael Corbit has moved to the house on the grounds of the Protectory.

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WANTED TO SEE MRS. BOTKIN.

A special from San Francisco on Monday to the Wilmington Morning News says:

Before John P. Dunning sailed for Manila a few days ago, he made a determined effort to interview Mrs. Cordelia Botkin at the Branch county jail. Whatever motive prompted Dunning, his endeavor proved of no avail, for she not only refused to see him, but sent a highly sensational reply to the following pleading note from Dunning:

"My Dear Ida: Please forgive me for making this request. I must see you. I know as well as you that you have been wronged—deeply wronged and my suffering has been as great as yours. I sail to go to the front this evening; I ask you once more to let me see you, perhaps for the last time. Fondly, Jack."

Mrs. Botkin posted the note back to him by a messenger boy, with a verbal answer, that he could choose his weapons, for the only way she could ever meet him would be on the open field; and that she hoped she might never again gaze on his face while the breath of life was left in her body, and while she remained in pawn for the real criminal in the deadly tragedy. She further assurred him of her earnestness by saying that in breaking the seal of the envelope, which contained the note, her fingers had burned.

In discussing Dunning's attempt to see her, Mrs. Botkin says she supposed his conscience was hurting him, but she did not want any confessions or admissions from such as he. She remarked that the language in which Dunning's note was couched reminded her very forcibly of the pitiful notes he used to send her when he wanted her to give him money enough to buy a meal or bed for himself.

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Philadelphia, Monday, May 1, 1899.

Cotton Dress Goods Most surprisingly priced. Several lines of new and beautiful cotton fabrics are on our counters at quite remarkable prices. Goods wanted right now and selling in other good stores at their full values are, by a fortunate trade incident, selling at a fourth to a half below their value.

And the array of patterns is a magnificent spread of beauty!

Beautiful Swisses at 8c a yard

These are daintily dotted Swisses printed in a multitude of exquisite designs by one of our most artistic makers; white grounds and brightly colored grounds. We've sold the same grade of Swisses at 18c. We know of their being sold today at 15c, and they are well worth it. It was a lucky accident that lets you share their beauty at

eight cents a yard

Another remarkable value is still here because we were fortunate in getting another supply—

Woven Piques at 12½c a yard

A splendid quality of pique, with white grounds woven with plaids and stripes in a variety of colorings; also brightly colored grounds with woven stripes and plaids in white. They've been selling this season at 30c and 37½c.

12½c Lace Lawns at 5c a yard

The daintiest fabric that ever sold at this little price. A fine sheer cloth, with woven lace stripes, beautifully printed in a multitude of designs.

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American Dimities, as fine and dainty as the Irish sorts, at 12½c yd.

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This delightful summer dress fabric was first made by a Scotchman and sold at 65c a yard. Then other Glasgow makers improved it and sent it to us to sell at 45c. Now a large shipment of 1899 styles has arrived and goes on sale at

37½c a yard

Forty-two exquisite patterns in the lot; the fabric is like an organdie, but more substantial, and has a finish that glistens like mohair. The same fabric has been selling elsewhere at 65c a yard. Direct importations in very large quantities help to this saving in cost on one of the most beautiful new cotton fabrics.

Still Some of Those Special Carpets $1.35 Wilton and "Extra" Velvet Carpets at 90c.

$1.35 Brussels Carpet at $1.

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This carpet store holds a commanding position. It is untrammeled by precedent or engagement, or alliance with producers. With its important buying power it brings not only most of the finest productions to Philadelphia, but secures the bulk of such special lots as are forced for sale.

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Balsam	Morning Bride
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Gourds	Wall Flower

And 55 other sorts at 3c a pkg.; 25c a doz. pkgs.

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For the year ending December 31 1898

According to the Standard of the Insurance Department of the State of New York

INCOME

Received for Premiums	$42,318,748 51
From all other Sources	12,687,880 92
	$55,006,629 43

DISBURSEMENTS

To Policy-holders for Claims by Death	$18,265,908 00
To Policy-holders for Endowments, Dividends, etc.	11,485,751 35
For all other accounts	10,493,379 53
	$35,245,038 88

ASSETS

United States Bonds and other Securities	$160,956,141 34
First Lien Loans on Bond and Mortgage	68,503,580 90
Loans on Bonds and other Securities	9,396,619 00
Real Estate appraised by Insurance Superintendents at $23,534,826.88: Book Value	20,604,949 61
Cash in Banks and Trust Companies	11,621,377 36
Accrued interest, Net Deferred Premiums, etc.	6,434,957 16
	$277,517,325 50

LIABILITIES

Policy Reserves, etc.	$233,058,640 68
Contingent Guarantee Fund	42,238,684 68
Divisible Surplus	2,220,000 00
	$277,517,325 36
Insurance and Annuities in force	$971,711,997 79

I have carefully examined the foregoing Statement and find the same to be correct; liabilities calculated by the Insurance Department.

CHARLES A. PRELLER Auditor

From the Divisible Surplus a dividend will be apportioned as usual.

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MIDDLETOWN, DEL., MAY 6, 1899.

THE CHURCHES IN MIDDLETOWN.

Bethesda M. E. Church.—Rev. Isaac L. Wood, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 2 p. m., A. G. Cox, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, every Thursday evening, 7.30 o'clock. Junior Epworth League and Epworth Cadets every Friday night at 7 o'clock. Young Ladies' Mission Circle, Monday nights at Parsonage. Women's Foreign Missionary Society, first Friday night of each month. Women's Home Missionary Society, first Thursday night of each month. Mite Society, first Saturday night of each month. Official Board meeting first Friday afternoon of each month at 2.30 o'clock.

Forest Presbyterian Church.—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7.30. Sabbath School will be held every Sabbath morning at 9.15 o'clock, H. C. Ellison, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Young People's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Sunday after noon at 3 o'clock.

Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 3 p. m.

St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church.—Rev. Wm. J. Wilkie, Rector. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 10.30 a. m. On all other Sundays at 7.30 a. m. Divine services every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., and 8 p. m. Morning Prayer and Litany every Wednesday and Friday at 10 a. m. Evening Prayer on Friday at 8.30 p. m. On all Holy Days service at 10 a. m., and 8.30 p. m. Sunday School at 9.45 a. m. Adult Bible Class at 3.45 p. m. The Guild meets every Thursday at 2 p. m., the Ladies on the first and third Fridays of each month at 2 p. m., the Boys' Club on Friday evenings at 7.30 and the Junior Auxiliary on Saturdays at 3 p. m.

NOTICE.

Because of illness many subscriptions paid recently have not been changed on the labels though properly credited in the subscription books. Prompt notice should be given of failure to receive paper, or if town carrier does not leave paper where desired.

Local News.

—May parties are in order.

—Some strawberries have been in market.

—A few straw hats and light clothes were noticed this week.

—Iced drinks have not found much favor during the past few days.

—Notes, bonds, warrants, in fact all kinds of legal blanks at this office.

—We print berry checks. Call and see samples and obtain our prices.

—A heavy thunder storm passed over this town on Tuesday afternoon.

—Bicycle riding has been prohibited on the footpaths of Wilmington Parks.

—Copies made from Tin Types or any other pictures of any description at Trinklere's Studio.

—Remember that J. F. McWhorter & Son have a full line of carriages and agricultural Implements on hand

—Shirts, 10c; Cuffs, 4c; Collars, 2c. All work guaranteed to be the best.—Lee Sing, North Broad Street.

—Subject of discussion in the Epworth League to-morrow evening will be, "Patient Continuance in Well-doing."

—Don't forget the entertaining and instructive Bethesda Epworth League. Meetings every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock.

—If you are going to marry, you need a nicely gotten-up invitation. Call at the Transcript and get our prices and see samples.

—If you are going out of town for an outing leave your address at The Transcript office and the paper will follow you. It is the only way to keep posted on town affairs.

—The Noxontown mill dam, near Townsend, broke on Saturday night last. Bridges nearby were flooded and considerable damage done.

—Plants for Sale.—200 000 Cold Frame Cabbage Plants for sale at $2.50 per thousand. Orders by mail receive prompt attention. E. J. Steele, Florist, Middletown, Delaware.

—A carrier pigeon marked "N. A. 23,706," is in care of the keeper of the inner range light at Port Penn. It was captured when almost exhausted, and will be cared for until claimed.

—It is said that a number of members of the House of Representatives from Wilmington will endeavor to force State Treasurer Ball to pay the amount of mileage as allowed by the late legislature.

—The Steamer Clio will not make the usual Monday trip next week, since she is laid up for some slight repairs, painting, etc. She will leave Philadelphia, Tuesday, May 9th and Odessa, Thursday, May 11th.

—On Monday a sample of the $200.00 coach harness, of which Parker & Son are making six sets for a Newark, N. J., firm, will be on exhibition at their store. This is fine harness, finely mounted and well worth a visit to inspect it.

—John Mason, colored, was instantly killed and William Green, also colored, was fatally hurt, by jumping from a freight train near Edge Moor on Monday night last. They were struck by a train coming in the opposite direction.

—It has been ascertained that the true name of the young man who tried to swindle Samuel H. Baynard, of Wilmington, is Nolan Bishop. The prisoner's home is in Camden, but he has done time in Philadelphia for stealing bicycles.

—Do you want the "best farm wagon made?" If so, buy the Milburn. Do you want to double the profits from your cows? If so, buy the American Separator. The above are for sale by

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—The indictments against E. D. C. Hegeman for forgery and altering a bill were quashed on motion of his attorneys. Mark L. Davis has also been acquitted of the charge of attempting to bribe Francis H. Lattomus to vote for J. Edward Addicks.

—William W. Draper, formerly of this town, and Miss Lillie J. Clayton, daughter of the late Richard Clayton of this town were married at noon Wednesday by Rev. George C. Hall, rector of St. John's Church, Wilmington. They will reside in Wilmington.

—Friends of Col. E. T. Cooper will soon present a petition to President McKinley asking for his pardon. The thought of losing his vote seems to worry him considerably. On Friday of last week he was disbarred from further practice before the court of Kent county.

—The dwelling on the farm of William David, in Blackbird hundred, was destroyed by fire on Tuesday afternoon, supposedly from a defective flue, causing a loss of about $1,000, partially covered by insurance. A few household goods, which were on the first floor, were saved.

—Mrs. Mary Jones, of Port Penn, is very grateful to State Detective Witsil for the recovery of her gold watch which was stolen during her visit to Wilmington. Mr. Witsil had the watch in his possession within twenty minutes after the complaint was made. Quick work, wasn't it?

—Robert A. Cochran, a farmer near town, had a narrow escape on Friday of last week. He was hauling hay into the barn yard when the horses started unexpectedly, causing him to fall to the ground, a distance of about 20 feet, badly bruising his head. He is not seriously hurt.

—A gang of tramps was raided by our town officers on Thursday last and one captured. He plead guilty to vagrancy and was given 10 days in New Castle jail.

—Clerk of the Peace J. B. Foard is having laid a new pavement in front of his residence on West Main street, and the yard fence is to be replaced with a new one.

—An interesting memorial of Mrs. Marion Price and her labors in the Sunday school and church was read in the Sunday school last Sunday afternoon by Miss Mary F. Burris.

—Ellen Johnson, colored, was brought to Middletown on Thursday, charged with disorderly conduct and using profane language on the streets of Odessa. Ellen plead guilty and paid the fines and costs which amounted to $4 85.

—Mrs. Lydia Watson a former resident of this town, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. John T. Gears, at Mt. Pleasant, on Tuesday, in her 79th year. Funeral services will be held at the home of Mrs. Harry Riggs, on Lockwood street, Saturday afternoon at 2 P. M.

—Who in Middletown represents the Society Against Cruelty to Animals? One day this week a horse attached to a carriage stood tied under a shed without food or water for twenty-four hours, while its owner evidently ate and drank. When remonstrated with the two-legged animal said "some people are awful particular."

—The remains of Capt. Sidney E. Stuart, who was killed by the explosion at Carney's Point, N. J., on Saturday last were taken to West Point on Wednesday for a military burial. An escort from the 21 Pennsylvania Volunteers accompanied the body to Philadelphia, where a detachment from the regular army awaited them. Interment was made at sunset.

—The owners of a Western Maryland peach orchard of sixty-thousand bearing trees, has made a standing offer to any employee on the farm of one dollar cash for each live bud found in the orchard. One man last week marched in wearing two peach blossoms in his hat, but they had been found on a bough which had been on the ground and protected by the snow, so did not come under the conditions. The Maryland mountain peach crop will be a total failure.

—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Parsons were called to Chestertown yesterday by the death of Mr. Parson's father, who died of paralysis, Thursday morning, at his residence near Chestertown, aged 84 years. Mr. Parsons was the first Republican Sheriff elected in Kent county, Md., and perhaps the first Republican official of that county. While feeble in body for some time his memory and mental faculties have been remarkably preserved. Services to-day at 10 o'clock and interment in Chestertown cemetery. Besides his son Mr. Parsons leaves three daughters.

—One aim of the Home Missionary Society is to procure, with reputable families, homes for destitute children. In addition to the 4,000 for whom they have already procured homes in the last sixty years and the 275 who are now comfortably placed in homes, they have at the present time, under their care, awaiting homes, about twenty-five boys and girls ranging in age from three to ten years. Persons who desire and are suitably recommended to adopt or raise any of the children can secure all necessary information by addressing Rev. J. P. Duffy, D. D., sup't of the Home Missionary Society, 533 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

—On Tuesday evening Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, A. F. & A. M., Dr. J. Harmon Rile, paid his annual official visit to Union Lodge, No. 5. The attendance was good, there was work in the third degree, the wants of the inner man were fully met, and the evening was spent very profitably and pleasantly. Col. Enoch Moore, of Wilmington, accompanied Grand Master Rile. There were in attendance Thomas P. Riley, Colora, Md., and W. W. Black, Laurel, Del., members of Union Lodge. Among the visitors were John Gray, of Colora, and George Brockson, Cecil Mahoney, Frank Reynolds and Thos. Fluharty, of Clayton.

—Thomas Deakyne, died at his home at Blackbird on Sunday last, aged 76 years. He had a congestive chill on Wednesday previous to his death and never regained consciousness. He had been a justice of the peace for over 40 years and a member of the Friendship Methodist Episcopal Church since a young man. Mr. Deakyne had been married about 51 years and his wife and five children—Mrs. Virginia Hayden, Thomas Deakyne, Mrs. Elmer Catts, Mrs George Warren and Harry Deakyne—survive him. Funeral services were held at his late home on Wednesday under charge of Rev. L. W. Layfield and interment was made in the church burial ground.

—On the trial list for the May term of Court which opens Monday, May 22d, there are 87 cases of which 37 are new. On the argument list are 28 cases, 12 of them for divorce as follows: Charles D. Jamison vs. Kate Jamison, Walter M. McKay vs. Annie S. McKay, Roland W. Ripperger vs. Ella I. Ripperger, Mary E. Primrose vs. Henry Primrose, Lottie W. Beerbrower vs. William Beerbrower, Margaret M. Baldwin vs. Joshua Baldwin, Lillian E. Bennett vs. William F. Bennett, Carrie A. de Shazo vs. Joseph B. de Shazo, Mary A. Walls vs. William S. Walls, Lottie C. Middleton vs. James Thomas Middleton, Lucy A. Bartlett vs. George L. Bartlett, Lillie McLaughlin vs. Samuel McLaughlin.

—The following special jury has been drawn for the case of Wilcox vs. the Wilmington City Railway Co. which is fixed for trial beginning next Monday in the Superior Court for the February term: Wilmington hundred, Charles F. Thomas, Joseph Davidson, George W. Gray; Brandywine, Joel Cloud; Christiana, Abram Armour; Mill Creek, Joseph Derrickson, William A. Morrison; White Clay Creek, William F. Griffith. Joseph H. Caleb; New Castle, Patrick McGrory, James W. Denning; Pencader, James M. Downs, Harry Ellison, Edwin S. Armstrong; Red Lion, William D. Mullen; St. Georges, Clarence E. Poole, Isaac J. Woods, Frank B. Watkins, Merritt N. Willets; Appoquinimink, Richard L. Naudain, Edward Graves, John W. Denney; Blackbird, Robert N. Huggins, George W. Mattiford.

EPWORTH LEAGUE OFFICERS.

Bethesda Chapter, Epworth League, of the M. E. Church, has elected the following officers: President, Dr. Charles A. Ritchie; 1st vice-president, Enoch G. Allee; 2d vice-president, Miss Annie Freeman; 3d vice-president, Miss Mary F. Burris; 4th vice-president, Miss Lena Staats; Secretary, John S. Ash; Treasurer, Miss Viola McWhorter; Pianist, Miss Katharine Vansant. The following committees have been appointed to serve for the ensuing term. Spiritual Committee—Enoch G. Allee, chairman, Miss Willie Wright, Mrs. W. C. Eliason, Mrs. Kate Letherbury, W. B. Kates, John S. Ash; Mercy and Help—Miss Annie Freeman, chairman, Mrs. William Taylor, Miss Lillie Scott, Mrs. Barnett; Literary Committee—Miss Mary F. Burris, Miss Charlotte Jones, Miss Moillie Wilson, Miss Allie McKee, Mrs. P. L. McWhorter, Miss Lizzie Parker. The other committees have not as yet been appointed, but will probably be announced to-morrow night.

Unclaimed Letters.

A list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Middletown post office which can be had by saying they are advertised: Miss Emma Burk, (postal card), Jane Henry, Miss Harriet L. Jones, A. H. Kennedy, J. R. Pope, Laven Ricketts.

ereopticon Lecture.

Rev. John D. C. Hanna, D. D., will give a stereopticon lecture in the Odessa Town Hall, next Thursday evening, May 11th, at 8 o'clock, P. M. The admission will be 25 cents for adults, and 15 cents for children. The lecture will consist of three parts, first, a number of selections given on one of Mr. Edison's best phonographs; after this Mr. Hanna will give his popular lecture, "A Trip to Niagara." The scenes are incident to a trip to this popular resort as seen by a journey from Wilmington, including up the Delaware, Mauch Chunk, Lehigh Valley, Buffalo and the Falls, returning by way of Watkins Glen. The third part will consist of moving pictures covering 140 square feet. It is useless to comment upon the character of this entertainment. Dr. Hanna is well-known and all who witnessed his other lecture of our war with Spain, will feel that it will more than pay them to attend the one on Thursday evening next.

Hicks' Forecast for May.

A regular storm period is centred on the 1st. A marked low barometer with rising temperature, ending in storms of wind, thunder and rain may naturally be looked for in most sections, on one or more of the four first days of May. Change to much cooler weather will follow and last for two or three days. From the 7th to 9th, very much warmer and more storms of rain, hail and thunder in many localities. A change to cooler weather on the 9th and 10th with probable frost in latitudes northward.

From 11th to 16th, high temperature, with storms. 17th and 18th will be marked by more storms and on the 19th the warm wave and electrical storm will reach their crisis. 20th, 21st, 22nd, heavy winds may be looked for. About the 23rd a very decidedly warm wave will develop in the West and as it moves eastward will grow in intensity to the Atlantic seaboard and will be marked by general storms during the 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th, and storm and cloud may continue through remainder of month. Too much rain will generally fall the last half of May.

THE NEW CENTURY CLUB.

At the business meeting on Tuesday Mrs. Kennedy reported that there is a possibility that the club be allowed to keep for a time books of reference from the Wilmington library, a petition will be sent to Mr. Holliday asking that books from the same may be sent back and forth at a greatly reduced rate. There was some discussion on the furnishing of the club room and following this the treasurer's report Miss Ellison reported $78.88 in treasury and a few dues still unpaid. All who have not paid the State Federation fee of 10 cents, are requested to do so at once as she is anxious to close this years accounts and also because the Federation fee must be paid at once.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. Charles Derrickson, president; Mrs. Richard Lockwood, first vice-president; Mrs C. S. Green, second vice-president; Miss Sadie M. Pharo, recording secretary; Mrs. W. F. Kennedy, corresponding secretary; Mrs. A. M. Brown, treasurer; Mrs. J. P. Cochran Jr., Mrs. W. B. Biggs and Miss Annie B. Ellison, advisory committee. The club will not meet again until Oct. 17th. The year will be spent in the study of United States history and literature.

OUT-OF-TOWN CORRESPONDENTS.

The question which is the foremost one in country journalism of the present day is that of the out-of-town correspondent, and well may it be for few of the editors or managers of country papers know or seek to obtain light on this question A country newspaper without correspondents now-a-days is almost a dead failure, and many of the big dailies are ever on the alert to obtain a good correspondent in every locality. Most of the latter class urge their representatives to use every possible means to gather news, and most of all that they let the general public know they are the news-gatherer for such a paper. Now it happens that a majority of correspondents for the country paper do not want to be known as such, and usually to their detriment and that of their paper. If it is known that Miss X is representative for a good paper in such a town, the general public will bring her items of news which otherwise she would not get. An instance of this might be quoted in a well-known down-State paper, which furnishes its correspondents large posters of muslin and their name printed as representative in that town. Results from it are good and it might be well for others to follow this leader.

ROLLS OF HONOR.

The following named pupils of the Middletown Public School are on the Roll of Honor for the month ending April 30th, 1899:

Department No. 1.—Edith Wilson, Bertha Geary, Katie Truax, Mary Holten, Eva Whitlock, Ethel Ginn, Ada M. Roberts, Bright Cleaver, George I. Lockwood, R. M. McCrone, Roy Voshell, Eugene H. Shallcross.

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Department No. 3.—Maude Deakyne, Eliza Green, Clarance Donovan, Prudence Lewes, Lillian Solway, Emma Kelley, George Allee, Warren Ellicott, Clara Whitlock, Louise McCrone, Mary Truax, Myrtle Bramble.

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BROWN COTTAGE SCHOOL.

The following pupils are on the Roll of Honor for the month of April: Daisy Bendler, Grover Bendler, James Lockwood, Pierce Donovan, Willie Clendaniel.

The annual election for one councilman of the town of Clayton will be held to-day. I. N. Mills and W. T. Dayett are mentioned for the vacancy.

Thomas and Joseph Cubbage were whipped at the post in the yard of Dover jail on Saturday last, after they had stood an hour in the pillory, for attempting to wreck train No. 93, on the Delaware Railroad on the night of January 8th last.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

—Thomas P. Riley, of Corola, Md., was a visitor at the Transcript office on Wednesday.

—George N. Hazell spent Sunday with his brother, W. D. Hazell, of Smyrna.

—T. S. Fouracre was in Milford and Lewes this week.

—W. Reese Parker spent Sunday in Dover.

—Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Matthews attended the Ellis-Matthews wedding at Chestertown on Thursday.

—Miss Jessie Culbertson, of Wilmington, is visiting Miss Bessie Crouch on South Broad street.

—Mrs. Helena Smith and her little sister, Francis Craddock, of Philadelphia, are visiting the family of W. B. Kates on East Main street.

—Dr. Cecil Mullikin, of Milford, was in Middletown on Tuesday.

—Mrs. George Hoffecker and son of this town, and Miss Carrie Hoffecker, of Wilmington, are visiting Mrs. Aubrey Vandever, at Smyrna.

—E. S. Jones and Mr. Shallcross were at Delaware City on Wednesday.

—Francis A. Foster, of Fieldsboro, was a caller at our office yesterday morning.

—Miss Bessie Rosin, of Wilmington, was entertained Sunday by Miss Helen Smith.

—Miss Mollie Wilson has returned from Smyrna.

—Mr. Grayson Burruss, of Baltimore, Md., was in town Thursday.

—Mrs. C. C. Browne, of Wilmington, was a visitor in town on Wednesday.

—Mrs. J. B. Foard entertained her cousin, Mrs. Pierce and little daughter, of Elkton, Md., and Mrs. Pierce, of St. Paul, Minn.

—Messrs John C. and Samuel Kelly, of Philadelphia, were Sunday visitors in town.

—Dr. Bowes, of the Quaker City, spent Sunday with Mr. J. C. Alston.

—Miss Mary Maxwell entertained Miss Emerson, of Wilmington, over Sunday.

—Miss Eugenia Beaston and Mr. Walter Beaston, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with their sisters on Cass St.

—Miss Mae Holten is visiting her brother in the City of Brotherly Love.

ODESSA NOTES.

Mr. Will Rose, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his father.

Miss Edith Stevens entertained a party of young people from Clayton on Sunday.

Miss May Enos is spending a couple of weeks at Atlantic City, the guest of her aunt.

Miss Virginia Lord has returned to her home in Odessa, after spending the greater part of the winter and spring in Philadelphia.

Miss Clara Miller, of Elsmere, was an over Sunday guest of the Misses Doughten.

Miss Helen Duer, of Philadelphia, is a guest of Mrs. D. W. Corbit.

Mrs. Benjamin Gause and son, of Wilmington, are spending May week with her aunt, Mrs. R. J. Mailly.

Howard Davis, the oldest son of Fred Davis, was buried on Thursday in Drawyers cemetery. He died on April 30th in Philadelphia of meningitis one day before his twenty-fourth birthday, and was brought to Odessa for interment.

Miss Emma Greminger is visiting in Philadelphia.

The Epworth League is to hold a social at the M. E. parsonage next Tuesday evening. A very enjoyable time is anticipated.

On Thursday evening, May 11th, Dr. Hanna is to give one of his pleasing and instructive entertainments in the Town Hall.

George Fowler, who was under $250 bail for his appearance at court, jumped his bail bond, and his bondsmen, Hon. John H. Hoffecker and Dr. T. C. Moore, will have to pay the bond. Last fall, when votes were needed, he was released on bail and now it is thought to be rather a high price for a vote.

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NOTICE!

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S. B. Foard,	R. W. Cochran,
William R. Cochran,	C. P. Cochran,
Joseph Gary,	M. Kumpel, Jr.,
George W. Peterson,	A. Hushebeck,
Paul Weber,	John B. Bratton,
Julian Cochran,	J. L. Parsons,
Frank L. Cate,	Timothy Caldwell,
G. Ellis,	William A. Ahern,
Howard Dickson,	Theodore Whitlock,
C. R. Clayton,	Joseph A. Suydam,
Rufus Jones,	James C. Story,
George W. Price,	Thos. O. Sullivan,
Arthur Crow,	William Gardiner,
J. Warner Brockson.	

JOHN P. McINTYRE.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., April 15th, 1899.

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REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER'S OFFICE,
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL.,
March 31st, 1899.

Upon the application of David H. Knotts and Robert P. Moore, Administrators of William H. Hickey, late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register that the Administrators aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters of Administration upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Middletown TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months.

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register aforesaid at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

(SEAL)

CALVIN W. CROSSAN, Register.

NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the Thirty-first day of March, A. D. 1899, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested, to the said Administrators, on or before the Thirty-first day of March, 1900, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

DAVID H. KNOTTS,
ROBERT P. MOORE,
Administrators.

Address, Houston, Kent County, Delaware.

At the election in Chesapeake City on Monday N. A. Vanbuskirk was re-elected bailiff and George K. Houck, John Peterson, John Miller, Charles Schaeffer and Bayard Conrey, commissioners.

A reorganization of the Maryland Water Company of Cecil County was effected Tuesday by the election of George A. Blake, president, and Peter H. Cleaver, secretary, treasurer and general manager.

"Out of Sight Out of Mind."

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DRY GOODS, ETC.

FROM AUCTION

Big purchase in auction rooms of Lippincott Sons Co, Thursday, April 20th, at less than 50c on the dollar. Here are the prices:

Fine All Wool Plaids, full 36 inches wide—never sold less than 25c yard—at **12½c.**

Fine All Wool Henrietta and Cashmere, 38 inches wide, sells elsewhere at 35c to 40c yard, and worth it marked **19c.**

Fine All Wool Henriettas and Serges, 42 inches wide, all new spring shades, blues, grays, greens, slates and blacks—no better sold at 50c yard—at **29c.**

Fine All Wool Henriettas, grays, blues and blacks, 38 inches wide—worth 40c to 50c a yard—at **25c.**

500 yards Silk Remnants and Satins, 1½ to 12 yards in piece, not a yard worth less than 50c to 75c, at **25c** yard

500 yards all Silk Remnants and Satin, of 2 to 20 yards in a piece, sells at 75c to $1.00 the yard, and worth it, at **45c** and **50c** the yard.

300 yards Fine French Organdies, full 36 inches wide, all new spring patterns, fully worth 25c yard, at **9c** and **10c** yard.

5000 yards Lawns and Dimities, worth 10c and 19c yard, reduced to **2c** to **10c** yard.

Every piece of Lawn, Dimities and Organdies reduced one-half.

MUSLIN!

5½c yard-Hill bleached yard wide Muslin, the genuine Hill, worth 8c yard.

6½c yard-Fruit of the Loom Muslin, the genuine Fruit of the Loom, sells everywhere at 9c yard.

9c yard-Blue Label Lonsdale Cambric Muslin, yard wide, you know the price, 12½c.

5c yard-Genuine Lancaster Ginghams, all good apron and dress patterns, that sells regularly at 8c yard.

3½c yard-Best Shirting Prints, no better made, sells at 5c yard.

2½c yard-Prints, in remnants, grays, blues and lights, cheap at 5c yard, best made.

3½c yard-Best Prints, Oil Colors, reds and pinks, worth 8c yard.

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Men's and Boy's Negligee and Cheviot Shirts, in blacks, black and white and light colors, the kind you pay 50 cents for at other stores, marked here..... **25c**

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Citizens National Bank.—President, Joseph Biggs; Cashier, John S. Crouch; Teller, — Darlington. Bank Building on South Broad Street.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

Middletown Council, No. 2, Jr. O. U. A. M. Meets every Monday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M. Meets first Tuesday of each month in Town Hall.

Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F. Meets every Thursday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Damon Lodge, No. 12, K. of P. Meets every Wednesday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Major John Jones Post, No. 22, G. A. R. Meets every Friday night in Reynolds Building at 7 o'clock

Welcome Conclave Heptasophs. Meets every second and fourth Friday night in K of P Hall.

Union Lodge, No. 6, A. O. U. W., meets every 2d and 4th Tuesday night in McWhorter's Hall.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Volunteer Hose Company, meets first Friday night of each month in Hose House.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., MAY 6, 1899

KALAMAZOO.

Have you heard the pretty legend, sad and mournful and yet true,
Of the brave and dusky lover and the Indian maid Mahzoo?
How they lived and loved and wandered on the river's shady shore,
Happiest of Indian lovers in the days that are no more?

All day long the maiden labored, weaving baskets by the stream,
Thinking of her love, her Kahla, weaving him into her dream;
Then he comes—she hears the rowing of his light birch bark canoe.
"Kahla!" calls she. Cries he, "Coming, coming to my own Mahzoo!"

Ah, one night she waits in silence! Sad her face—her love is dead!
Wounded in the chase, her warrior in a fortnight to be wed.
In the morn they find sweet Mahzoo lying silent in the stream,
Gone unto her lover Kahla, nevermore to watch and dream.

Still the echoes o'er the river may be heard soft through the air—
Echoes of the warrior Kahla and of young Mahzoo the fair.
All the trees repeat the whisper, all the ripples murmur, too,
In the stream that bears their name now—bears the name "Kalamazoo."

—Kalamazoo Telegraph.

THE FINGER TIPS.

Their Remarkable Value in the Identification of Criminals.

In detective novels finger prints left by criminals, preferably in blood, play an important part, but truth seems stranger than fiction in the fact that the finger print system of identifying criminals in India has been made so perfect that it would enable any intelligent person in a few minutes to distinguish the individual, if necessary, from all other persons now living in the world, or, if data were available, from all other persons who have lived since the creation of man.

The system is simplicity itself, and there is none of the elaboration of process or the costly and delicate machinery required for the anthropometric system. All that is needed is a piece of tin, a sheet of paper and some printer's ink. The inked impressions of the ten digits are taken and filed in the proper compartment of the proper pigeonhole, and it is on the classification of records and their distribution into the pigeonholes that the success of the system depends.

Every finger mark shows lines of the "loop," or the "whorl" type, and by a simple table of the combinations of these types in the ten digits 1,024 main classes are made. These are again subdivided according to minor details, and the subdivisions can be further divided ad infinitum if necessary, but with the table before him any person of ordinary intelligence can place his finger on the corresponding card to a record in his hand within five minutes, no matter how many thousand cards there may be.

It is calculated that the chances are about 64,000,000 to 1 against any two persons having single fingers identical, and the chances against all ten fingers being identical go beyond mathematics altogether.

The Power of Shakespeare.

An old Latin saying, Laudant quod non intelligunt (They praise what they do not understand), was once illustrated by an English tourist who happened into the Lutheran church at Elsinore one Sunday morning. The tourist did not know a word of the Danish language, but he wrote: "The clergyman had a quiet earnestness of manner and a persuasive eloquence that pleased and attracted. I admired the discourse, although I did not understand a word of it." The book from which we have copied this illustration of a common practice tells the following amusing story of a Dutch audience listening to one of Shakespeare's plays:

I will tell you, such is de powers of de Shakespeare, that I vunce saw a play de great man acted in Anglish, in Holland, where der vas not vun person in all de house but myself could understond it, yet dere vas not a person in all dat house but vat vas in tears—dat is, all crying, blowing de nose and veep very mouch; couldn't understond vun vurd of de play, yet all veeping. Such was de powers of de Shakespeare!

What He Opened On.

"Brothers and sisters," began the old parson, "I shall not choose any particular text this morning, but shall preach from where I open the book, and, no matter where, I shall find the wrath that is to come upon the wicked, who will be cut off when they have shuffled off this mortal coil. It is now open, and"—

Here the parson was interrupted by a deacon who had been asleep, and hearing the words open, cut and shuffle, forgot himself and cried out, "It's yours; what did you open on?"

The surprise of the good man in the pulpit was great, but the deacon collapsed when the reply came, "It is opened on Kings."—Atlanta Constitution.

A Curious Postal System.

In certain parts of Sweden, where the most absolute confidence is reposed in the honesty of the people, a very informal postal system is in vogue. As the mail steamer reaches a landing place a man goes ashore with the letters, which he places in an unlocked box on the pier. Then the passerby who expects a letter opens the box, turns over the letters and selects his own, unquestioned by any one.

A New Kind of Coal.

In a paper on the dialect of Newfoundland Dr. Patterson says, "We have heard of a good janitor of a church who had his feelings hurt by being obliged to use 'antichrist' coal."—Household Words.

Mahogany is said to have been brought to England by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1595, but not to have come into general use till 1720.

The only way to win an argument with a woman is to walk off when you have stated your side of it.—Roxbury Gazette.

The Elder Got the Best One.

An account of the life of Judge James B. Bradwell of Chicago by his daughter tells a story of the deeply religious training of his childhood. He had the old fashioned faith in the efficacy of prayer before he was of sufficient age to understand the reasonable limits of such petitions.

Once, when James was only 8 years old, the wagon was sent to Chicago for provisions. Five days elapsed. The wagon was detained, and the Bradwell family was without food and without a man to provide it. Little James, as usual with even small boys of the time and place, was a good shot. His mother loaded the gun for him, and he started out to see what he could shoot to supply the table.

In due time he saw two prairie chickens not far away. He got his gun ready and then took long enough to pray thus:

"O Father, if you will just let me bring down those two chickens I'll give your minister the choice of the pair!"

The trigger was pulled and down came the two prairie chickens. James believed the shot to be a direct answer to his prayer. He took the two birds to Elder Snow, the minister, and told him of the circumstances.

The good elder took a long time to examine the two chickens, in order to be quite sure that he got the better of the two, because, he said, he thought it best that the boy's compact should be faithfully carried out.

A Lock of His Hair.

A venerable, white haired clergyman recently preached in the parish of a friend. He had hardly got back to the vicarage from the church when the doorbell rang and a charming girl of 18 asked to see him. He received her. They talked about the sermon and other things until finally she asked diffidently:

"Oh, won't you please give me a lock of your hair?"

"Certainly, my child," said the old gentleman, flattered at the request. "I'll send it to you tomorrow," and he did.

On his return to his own home he had five more requests of the same kind, and he proudly boasted to his wife that he was glad to see that he had not yet lost his power to please. All went well until his wife received this note:

"Dear Mrs. ——, won't you please ask your husband to send me just a little lock of his hair? We have all been taking lessons in making hair flowers So many of the other girls asked him—and he sent it to them—that I thought I would rather ask you to get it for me. Won't you please do this for me? It is so hard to get white hair for lilies of the valley."

This was a terrible blow, and the less now said about locks of hair in that old gentleman's presence the better.

Marksmen In Battle.

The story of what marksmen can do in battle is written in red letters all over the history of war, remarks the Boston Herald. The famous English archers whose cloth yard shafts won so many fights at desperate odds against the mail clad knights of France, the embattled farmers whose deadly aim was so fatal on the Lexington road and the slopes of Bunker Hill, the grim slaughter which broke Pakenham's veteran regiments at New Orleans—all are proofs in point. Later evidence of the value of straight shooting is afforded by that strange war in which the Dutch Boers won the semi-independence which they now enjoy.

In this contest there was on one side a burgher force with slight pretensions to discipline, and none at all to drill, and on the other side a British force, hardened in battle and trained to the perfection of soldiership, yet the Boers were victorious in every encounter on the field. What is the explanation? Why, simply this: The Boers were splendid marksmen, who knew how to make every shot tell, while the British were, comparatively speaking, mere wasters of ammunition of the soldierly pattern

A Good Scotch Story.

In Lanarkshire there lived a sma', sma' laird named Hamilton, who was noted for his eccentricity. On one occasion a neighbor waited on him and requested his name as an accommodation to a bit bill for £20, at three months' date, which led to the following characteristic and truly Scottish colloquy

"Na, na, I canna do that."

"What for no, laird? Ye hae dune the same thing for ithers."

"Aye, aye. Tammas, but there's wheels within wheels ye ken naething about. I canna do't."

"It's a sma' affair to refuse me, laird."

"Weel, ye see, Tammas, if I was to pit my name tell't, ye wad get the siller frae the bank, and when the time came round ye wadna be ready and I wud hae to pay't. Sae then ye and I wad quarrel. Sae we mae just as weel quarrel the no as lang's the siller's in ma pouch."—Stray Stories.

Two Little Stories.

Here are two stories from Sir M. E. Grant-Duff's diary. The first records the saying of Sir F Doyle, when Lord Houghton's death was rumored, that "his exit is the result of too many entrees."

The second, concerning a definition which Gladstone gave of a deputation, is also given in the diary. It is "a noun of numbers signifying many, but not signifying much."

Birds' Nests.

Some Australian birds lay their eggs in black sand, as if aware of its superior power of absorbing heat; others select the neighborhood of hot volcanic springs, whose warmth plays an important part in the hatching.

The mound builders collect heaps of earth and leaves as much as 18 feet high and 30 feet in diameter, and in this hotbed their eggs are hatched.

TO FIRST VOTERS.

There is a constitutional provision which will become operative before the next general election is held, of which the general public may not be aware, although it has been published in connection with the Constitutional Convention. It is an educational test. It is "that no person who becomes of age or who is naturalized after January 1st, 1900, shall be permitted to vote who shall not be able to read the Constitution in English, and be capable of writing his name."

Mrs. Secondtrip—"You are just the meanest man alive."

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Well Answered.

In the early part of this century there lived in Nantucket a young Quakeress whose wit caused many a ripple in the demure circle of the Friends.

When this pretty Martha attended yearly meeting in Newport at the age of 18, her youthful spirits brought her occasional grave looks from the elders, although her real goodness of heart was never questioned.

One evening, during the session of yearly meeting, Martha was the center of a group of young people gathered near the windows of the parlor in the boarding house where some of the Friends lodged for the time. The young people were playing the simple and amusing game of "humorous definitions." Martha's wit caused such frequent laughter that a solemn faced person rose from his seat at the other end of the room and asked, in a loud, stern voice:

"Martha, can thee give me the definition of gravity?"

The pretty Quakeress colored at this public and unnecessary rebuke, but after scarcely perceptible hesitation, she answered demurely:

"I am not able to give thee a definition of my own, Friend Brown, but perhaps that of De la Rochefoucauld will suit thee. He says that 'gravity is a mysterious carriage of the body, invented to cover the defects of the mind.'"—Youth's Companion.

"Going Out to See a Man."

"Going out to see a man" was the invention of Artemus Ward. One night in the winter of 1865, when the humorist was about half through his lecture, he paralyzed his audience with the announcement that they would have to take a recess of 15 minutes so as to enable him to go across the street to "see a man." H. R. Tracey, the editor of the Washington Republican, was in the audience, and, seeing an opportunity to improve upon the joke, penciled these lines and sent them to the platform:

"Dear Artemus—If you will place yourself under my guidance, I'll take you to 'see a man' without crossing the street."

Artemus accepted the invitation, and while the great audience impatiently but with much amusement awaited the reappearance of the humorist the latter was making the acquaintance of Aman, a well known restaurant keeper at that time, and luxuriating at a well laden refreshment board. Of course everybody "caught on to" the phrase, and men became fond of getting up between the acts and "going out to see Aman." The restaurateur's business from that time forward boomed. Men who would ordinarily sit quietly through an entertainment and behave themselves allowed themselves to be influenced by the contagion.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Those Modest Japanese!

Here is a matrimonial advertisement that is hard to take seriously. A lady who calls herself Hosnijoshi seeks a husband in the Kanazawa Shimbun, a Japanese paper. She describes herself thus:

"I am a beautiful woman, with cloudlike hair, flowery face, willowlike waist, and crescent eyebrows. I have enough property to walk through life hand in hand gazing at flowers in the day and the moon at night. If there is a gentleman who is clever, learned, handsome and of good taste, I will join with him for life and share the pleasure of being buried in the same grave."

To this an answer comes from a gentleman who signs himself Ariwara Mitsunji, whose advertisement runs as follows:

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Brusque Brahms.

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A young woman who played the pianoforte asked the composer as to the advisability of giving a concert in Vienna.

"Are you all ready?" inquired Brahms.

"Certainly, dear master! May I play something for you?"

"Oh, no, no! I meant only have you a new gown and gloves?"

"Yes, sir."

"Pity; otherwise I should have advised you not to give the concert."

Neither Could Bend.

The late Mrs. Keeley, the actress, used to tell an anecdote of Queen Victoria on the occasion when she had the honor of being received by her majesty. On being presented she excused herself from making a low courtesy by saying, "Your majesty, I have rheumatism in my knees, and I cannot courtesy."

"Mrs Keeley," replied the queen, "I can't, either." And the veteran actress was put at her ease by the homeliness of the remark and its common touch of nature, which made the two women kin.

Another Question.

"Pa, what sort of a house is that?"

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Philadelphia	27 25	‖10 20	11 52	3 46	5 55	11.10
Baltimore	6 25	8 22	12 05	3 00	4 22	7.58
Wilmington	8 13	11 04	2 35	4 27	6 36	11.56
Farnhurst	‖ 8 22		‖ 2 44		7 04	
New Castle	8 27	‖ 11 21	2 49	4 32	7 09	
State Road	8 33		‖ 2 51		7 11	
Bear	8 38		‖ 2 59	4 48	7 21	
Porter	8 45		‖ 3 04	4 52	7 27	
Kirkwood	8 50		‖ 3 09		7 32	
Mt. Pleasant	8 59		‖ 3 17		7 38	
Armstrong	‖ 9 06				7 44	
Middletown	9 08	11 50	3 26	5 18	‖ 7 48	12.39
Townsend	9 17		3 34	5 28	‖ 7 59	
Blackbird	‖ 9 22		‖ 3 39		8 01	
Gr'n Spring	‖ 9 27		‖ 3 45		8 07	
Clayton	9 33	12 07	3 15	5 42	8 13	12.17
Smyrna, LV	9 23	11 57	3 41	5 21	8 08	
Brenford	9 55		‖ 3 59		8 18	
Cheswold	9 43		‖ 4 04		‖ 8 24	
Dupont			‖ 4 10			
Dover	9 58	12 23	4 14	5 59	8 34	1.16
Wyoming	10 05	12 29	4 20	6 05	8 40	a 1.24
Woodside	‖ 10 11			‖ 6 11	‖ 8 47	
Viola	‖ 10 15			‖ 6 15	‖ 8 51	
Felton	10 20	‖ 12 43		6 20	8 56	a 1.28
Harrington	10 24	12 53		6 33	9 17	1.56
Farmington	‖ 10 42	a 1.00		‖ 6 41	‖ 9 15	
Greenwood	‖ 10 50	‖ 1 08		‖ 6 49	‖ 9 28	
Bridgeville	10 58	‖ 1 16		6 57	9 34	a 2.14
Cannons	‖ 11 03			‖ 7 02	‖ 9 38	
Seaford	11 13	1 27		7 11	9 48	2.26
Laurel	11 23	‖ 1 37		7 21	9 58	a 2.38
Delmar	11 33	1 46		7 30	10 08	2.50

NORTHWARD.

	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. P. M.	PAS P. M
Delmar	11 08		‖ 7 00	‖ 8 00	‖ 2 15	‖ 8 30
Laurel	1 21		7 11	8 10	‖ 2 25	8 41
Seaford	1 34		7 23	8 24	2 35	3 76
Cannons			‖ 7 31	‖ 8 31		‖ 9 04
Bridgeville	‖ 1 48		7 37	‖ 8 37	‖ 2 46	4.11
Greenwood			7 45	‖ 8 45	‖ 2 54	‖ 4.19
Farmington	2 22		‖ 7 53	‖ 8 53		‖ 4.27
Harrington			8 05	9 06	3 08	4.40
Felton	‖ 2 33		8 14	9 16	‖ 3 18	4.59
Viola			8 18	‖ 9 20		‖ 5.03
Woodside			8 22	‖ 9 24		‖ 5.07
Wyoming	‖ 2 46	‖ 6 57	8 29	9 31	‖ 3 30	5.05
Dover	2 52	7 03	8 35	9 38	3 36	5.11
Dupont		7 08				
Cheswold		7 13		‖ 9 48		‖ 5.20
Brenford		7 18		‖ 9 53		‖ 5.25
Smyrna, LV		7 35	8 42	9 50	3 41	5.21
Clayton	3 09	7 25	8 53	10 00	3 54	5.31
Sm'rna Spring		7 29				‖ 5.37
Blackbird		7 33		‖ 10 09		‖ 5.43
Townsend		7 40	9 06	10 14	4 07	5.50
Middletown	3 30	7 50	9 15	10 24	4 16	5.58
Armstrong		‖ 7 54				‖ 6.02
Mt Pleasant		7 58		‖ 10 33		6.06
Kirkwood		8 08		10 42		6.16
Porter		8 15	9 34	10 49	4 34	6.22
Bear		8 20		‖ 10 53		6.27
State Road		8 25		‖ 10 58		6.32
New Castle		8 31	9 46	11 04	‖ 4.47	6.37
Farnhurst		8 36	9 50	‖ 11 09		‖ 6.42
Wilmington	4 15	8 45	9 58	11 19	4 59	6.49
Baltimore	6 19	10 37	11 15	12 28	6 55	8.40
Philadelphia	5.16	9 32	10 46	12 46	5.43	7.38

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